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Estimated Expenditures

Salaries:

Editor of <i>The Booklist</i>	\$3,000	
Three assistants on <i>Booklist</i>	4,100	7,100.00
Printing <i>Booklist</i> , including Index.....		3,000.00
Advertising		300.00
A. L. A. appropriation, 1920.....		2,800.00
A. L. A. appropriation, balance for 1919 yet due.....		600.00
Express and postage.....		900.00
Supplies		700.00
Incidentals		500.00
Travel		500.00
Balance available for publications, etc.....		3,660.19
		\$20,060.19

Survey and Report upon Publishing Activities

The secretary laid before the Board the following votes which had been passed by the Committee on Enlarged Program and approved by the Executive Board:

Voted, That the Publishing Board instruct someone with publishing experience to study A. L. A. present publications and report thereon within thirty days, or as soon thereafter as possible after his appointment, and that this report be submitted with the recommendations and suggestions of the Publishing Board to the Executive Board.

Voted, That the Publishing Board be asked to instruct the secretary to give the

direction of all publishing to one competent person who shall be called the "Publisher" and shall report through its secretary to the Publishing Board.

The Board thereupon

Voted, That the chairman and secretary be authorized to arrange with Mr. Fred-eric G. Melcher to make the requested survey and report, provided the Executive Board arrange for funds to meet the expenses incurred.

Voted, That the chairman report to the Executive Board its regret that lack of funds prevents taking action at this time relative to the appointment of a person to take over the direction of the publishing activities.

The meeting was then adjourned.

COUNCIL

Immediately following the adjournment of the special meeting of the Association, the Council met, at 11:45 a. m., January 3, 1920, President Hadley presiding. The following business was transacted:

Secretary UTLEY: Mr. Chairman, the only item of business the secretary knows of that should be brought before the Council is a petition presented some time ago by the Lending Department Round Table, to become a section of this Association.

The constitution provides that such a petition be referred to a special committee to report to the Council. That committee was appointed, and Mr. Wellman of Massa-

chusetts was chairman. The committee is in favor of the Lending Department Round Table becoming a section of this Association.

The CHAIRMAN: The secretary will state the substance of the communication from Mr. Wellman.

Secretary UTLEY: I have stated the substance of the matter. The people interested in circulation work have been operating for several years, having a program at each annual meeting, operating under the name of the Lending Department Round Table. They have found that their meetings are of benefit, and that they would like to become a section of the As-

sociation. They have taken the constitutional step required. They have presented a petition to the officers of the Association. The president of the Association has, according to the constitution, appointed a committee to consider that petition. The committee was appointed; the petition has

been considered and the committee reports favorably upon it.

Dr. ANDREWS: I move that the report be accepted and adopted.

Motion seconded and carried.

Thereupon, on motion, the meeting was adjourned.

LEAGUE OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONS

The holding of the regular annual meeting of the League in connection with the midwinter meeting of the A. L. A. was resumed this year. Two sessions had been planned for, but the afternoon session was given up when it was discovered that a reconvening of the A. L. A.'s morning session was necessary.

The single League session was therefore called to order Friday evening, January 2, 1920, in the LaSalle Hotel, Miss Julia A. Robinson of the Iowa Commission presiding, owing to Mr. Lowe's resignation. About seventy-five were present and a roll call by states showed the presence of representatives of eighteen states: Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Ontario, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin.

Owing to the shift in programs and a consequent conflict of schedules, Dr. Bostwick was unable to lead the expected discussion concerning the library survey and the small library.

Mr. Matthew S. Dudgeon spoke briefly concerning the standing of the library in the community and its relation to increased appropriations. He made the point that library commission visitors have often failed to do effective work in local communities by restricting their activities to conference with librarians and not dealing directly with the library trustees. He stated that now Wisconsin visitors take less interest in checking up detail work than in having real conferences with library boards on questions of making the

library strong with the business men and appropriating bodies in the various communities. The common councils are more ready now to recognize the money values of libraries; some of them have even told library boards that increases would have been given before if a businesslike showing of definite results had been placed before them.

At Mr. Dudgeon's request, Miss Vivian Little of the Watertown (Wis.) Public Library, told of the resolution of the library board adopted by the common council that henceforth the librarian should be paid the same salary as the most highly paid high school teacher in the city schools. This was made a part of the permanent schedules.

As closely related to the salaries question, Mr. Brigham of Iowa raised the question of certification. Mr. Dudgeon stated that Wisconsin was working toward a standardization of salaries which would later mean a standardization of requirements. Miss Robinson of Iowa spoke of the necessity of a publicity campaign on the need of certification. The plan adopted by the Iowa Library Association and set forth in the November *Library Journal* was briefly discussed, Miss Ahern approving of the combination of ex officio and elective members. Mr. Dudgeon raised the point that the plan was extralegal and could not be enforced if any board object. Miss Ahern felt that the acceptance of the plan by the Iowa Commission gave it a tentative legality and she also stated that the educative value of such a state plan was excellent.